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APPLICANTS

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FOR

NOVEL BONDING STRUCTURE FOR A HARDDISK

DRIVE SUSPENSION USING ANISOTROPIC

CONDUCTIVE FILM

GROUP ART UNIT

2841

EXAMINER

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HON. COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO ØFFICE ACTION

SIR:

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 30, 2002.

Applicant respectfully requests a three-month extension of time in which to file a response to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2002, for which a response period expiring on May 30, 2002 was set. The extended period expires on August 30, 2002. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extension fee of \$920.00 to the